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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN-LIBYAN DISPUTE: CURRENT
DEVELOPMENTS

- 1. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER BRAHIM TURKI TOLD ME LAST EVENING THAT TUNISIAN NAVY HAD OBSERVED TWO ITALIAN NAVAL VESSELS MARCH 29 AT LOCATION OF SCARABEO IV, AN INCREASE OF ONE. ITALIAN DRILLING SHIP ALSO RECEIVED VISIT FROM HELICOPTER BELIVED TO BELONG TO ITALIAN NAVY.
- 2. TURKI SAID THIS REPORT MAY TIE IN WITH ANOTHER VISIT RECEIVED THAT QADHAFI HAD ORDERED ITALIANS OFF DRILLING SITE AND HAD ARRANGED FOR ITALIAN PERSONNEL TO BE REPLACED BY AMERICANS. HE ASKED IF I COULD OBTAIN INFORMATION INDICATING WHETHER AMERICANS HAD BEEN PUT ABOARD SCARABEO IV. I UNDERTOOK TO CHECK OUT STORY.

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3. FOR TRIPOLI: WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS EMBASSY MAY BE ABLE TO OBTAIN ON PLAUSIBILITY FOREGOING REPORT. MULCAHY

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